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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This present inventory of materials received between January 1 and March 31, 1930 (Nos. 82600 to 86755), is made up mainly of seeds and plants collected by the bureau's agricultural explorers.

P. H. Dorsett and W. J. Morse during this period sent from the Orient more than 1,700 strains of soybeans, besides a collection of Japanese persimmon varieties (*Diospyros kaki*, Nos. 83707-83711, 83783-83792, 85698-85722, 85811-85834), and smaller quantities of forage crops and ornamentals.

From Persia and Turkestan W. E. Whitehouse sent in a collection of seeds and scions of peaches (*Amygdalus* spp., No. 82646-82648, 86284-86302), plums (*Prunus* spp., 82672-82679, 83751, 83752, 86380-86390), and pistache (*Pistacia vera*, Nos. 83734-83750, 85906-85928, 86368-86379). He also sent in a collection of watermelon seeds (*Citrullus vulgaris*, Nos. 82560-82569, 86311-86321), and melon seeds (*Cucumis melo*, Nos. 86323-86338), which will be used for experimental purposes.

R. K. Beattie sent in his last shipment of Japanese chestnuts (*Castanea crenata*, Nos. 85767-85804, 85969-85979) before leaving the Orient.

H. L. Westover, who during this period has been traveling in Turkestan and Europe, sent in many forage crops, including vicias, trifoliums, and over 250 strains of alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*, Nos. 82601-82626, 83728, 84337-84451, 85997, 85998, 86522-86664).

A collection of oats and barley (Nos. 86176-86210) has been received from Prof. A. Kol, Chief, Institute of Applied Botany, Leningrad, Union of Socialistic Soviet Republics. A large collection of barley and wheat (Nos. 82681-83682) was received from the University of Nanking, China, and will be used by the department specialists in their experimental work.

J. F. Rock, traveling in the Orient under the direction of the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C., has sent in a large collection of ornamentals including primulas, cotoneasters, enkianthus, gentians, loniceras, and meconopsis, as well as 165 rhododendrons.

Dr. H. S. Fawcett, of the University of California, during this period has been in the Mediterranean region and from there has sent seeds and scions of *Citrus* spp., *Prunus* spp., *Amygdalus persica*, and *Phoenix reclinata*, hoping through these introductions to contribute to the solution of horticultural problems in California.